

**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-19 are currently pending. Claims 6, 7 and 9 are withdrawn from consideration.

By this Amendment, claims 1, and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 would be pending.

**II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103**

Claims 1, 13-15 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Applicants' alleged admission of the prior art found in the specification on pages 1 and 2 and Fig. 6. Claims 2-5, 8 and 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Applicants' alleged admission in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,255,661 to Braat. Claims 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,871,266 to Negishi in view of Braat. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 16, as amended, are directed to a display apparatus in which a projection optical system projects the image light with a distortion equal to or less than 0.5% and the brightness unevenness on the projection surface by the image light is equal to or less than 20%. The cited references, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the above-identified features, as claimed.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 16 and their dependent claims are not anticipated by the cited references and are patentably distinguishable over the same.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

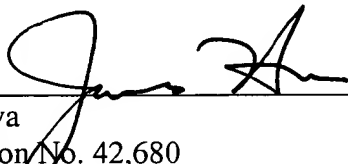
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, , Order No. 1232-4753. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4753. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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